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CINCUSAREUR FOR POALD, AND AEAGC-CI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, WB, GW

SUBJECT: US ARMY GERMAN EMPLOYEE SUSPECTED
OF ESPIONAGE.

1. GERMAN PRESS HAS PUBLISHED SOMEWHAT SENSATIONALIZED
ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A GERMAN DRIVER
EMPLOYED BY US ARMY BERLIN SOME PAPERS MISLEADINGLY REPORTED
EMPLOYMENT BY US MISSION). CASE HAS BEEN HANDLED ROUTINELY
BY ARMY SECURITY AGENCIES AND BERLIN POLICE AND DOES NOT APPEAR
BE ESPECIALLY SEROULS.

2. WERNER SCHALITZ, BORN MARCH 25, 1946, IN GITTELDORF, OSTERODE,
FRG, WAS EMPLOYED BY ARMY IN JUNE 1970 AS TRUCK DRIVER.
HE WAS ASSIGNED TO HDQTS COMPOUND, WHERE HE GRADUALLY
ASSUMED ROLE OF FOREMAN OVER OTHER DRIVERS, DELIVERY-
MEN, GARDENERS, ETC. IN 1974 GDR REFUGEE IN FRG
REPORTED SCHALITZ HAD BEEN VISITING NEIGHBOR IN EAST
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BERLIN, AND ARMY BEGAN ROUTINE INVESTIGATION. SCHALITZ

AT FIRST DENIED EAST BERLIN VISITS BUT LATER ADMITEED
HE HAD COMMON-WIFE AND CHILD THERE AND HAD MADE
ALMOST DAILY VISITS SINCE MEETING WOMAN IN 1971.
SEARCH OF HIS CAR AND LOCKER UNCOVERED FORGED SWISS
PASSPORT AND MANY UNCLASSIFIED ARMY DOCUMENTS WHICH
COULD BE OF INTEREST TO AN UNFRIEDLY GOVT. SCHALITZ
HAS BEEN UNABLE TO EXPLAIN POSSESSION OF LISTS OF
MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ADDRESSES, FIELD MANUALS,
COMMUNICATIONS ALERT INSTRUCTIONS, AND SIMILAR
DOCUMENTS BUT HAS CONTINUED TO DENY ANY WRONG-
DOING. MISSION HAS AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATE GERMAN COURT TO
EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN CASE. SCHALITZ HAS BEEN CHARGED UNDER
GERMAN PENAL CODE, SECTION 99 (SECRET SERVICE ACTIVITY) AND
SECTION 267 (FORGERY). BERLIN POLICE HOLDING HIM PENDING
FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

3. THUS FAR SCHALITZ CASE APPEARS TYPICAL OF NUMEROUS
CASES IN WHICH GDR HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF WEST
BERLINERS' CONNECTIONS TO GDR TO COMPROMISE
INDIVIDUALS AND RECRUIT THEM FOR LOW-LEVEL ESPIONAGE.

4. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEING MADE BY USCOB/PAO IN RESPONSE
QUESTIONS FROM PRESS. QUOTE: AS A RESULT OF A JOINT
INVESTIATION BY WEST BERLIN AND U.S. AUTHORITIES, WERNER
SCHALITZ IS BEING HELD FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY THE
GERMAN POLICE FOR SUSPECTED ESPIONAGE. THE U.S. AUTHORITIES
ARE COOPERATING WITH THE GERMAN POLICE. UNCLASSIFIED
INFORMATION OF A MILITARY NATURE WAS FOUND IN HIS
POSSESSION. SCHALITZ WAS BORN IN 1946 IN OSTERODE. UNQUOTE.

5. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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